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Laylat ul-Ragha'ib

The first Thursday night of the holy month of Rajab is called Laylat ul-Raghāʿib, or the Night of Desires. It is recommended to fast on the first Thursday of Rajab. Then, between Maghrib and Ishʾah prayers, one should recite a 12 rakaʿāt prayer according to the method below.

Prophet Muḥammad (ṣ) has said that the prayers offered on Laylat ul-Raghāʿib are a means of forgiveness. On the first night in our grave, the Almighty will send the reward of this prayer in the form of the most beautiful and bright figure.

The figure will say, "My Beloved, glad tidings to you that you have found salvation from every hardship and horror!

When asked, "Who are you? I swear by Allah that I haven't seen anyone more beautiful than you, nor have I heard a word sweeter than yours, or smelt a fragrance better than you!"

The figure will reply, "I am that prayer that you offered on the eve of the first Friday of the month of Rajab. I have come to be your companion in this loneliness and to remove your fright and horror. Be assured that my shelter will be with you until the blowing off the horn of the Day of Judgment!"

Method for the Prayer of Laylat ul-Raghāʾib

- Make the intention that you are performing a mustaḥab 12 rakaʿāt prayer for Laylat ul-Raghāʾib, qurbatan ilAllāh (to become closer to Allah).
- Perform the prayer in 6 sets of 2 rakaʿāt
- In each rakʿah, recite:
  - 1x Sūrah al-Fātiḥah once
  - 3x Sūrah al-Qadr
  - 12x Sūrah al-Ikhlāṣ
- After completing the prayer, recite 70 times:

اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَّ آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

Allāhumma ṣalli ʿalā Muḥammadi-w wa āli Muḥammad
O Allah, send blessings upon Muḥammad and the family of Muḥammad

- Then, go into sajdah and recite 70 times:

سُبُّوحٌ قُدُّوسٌ رَبُّ الْمَلَائِكَةِ وَالرُّوحِ

Subbūḥun quddūsu-r Rabb ul-malāʾikati war-rūḥ
Glorified and free of defects is the Lord of the angels and spirits

- Then, sit up and recite 70 times:

رَبِّ اغْفِرْ وَارْحَمْ وَ تَجَاوَزْ عَمَّا تَعْلَمُ إِنَّكَ اَنْتَ الْعَلِيُّ الْاَعْظَم

Rabbigh-fir war-ḥam wa tajāwaz ʿammā taʿlamu. Innaka antal-ʿAliyyul-aʿẓam
My Lord, forgive and overlook that which You know. Surely, You are the Exalted, the Supreme

- Then, go into sajdah again and recite 70 times:

سُبُّوحٌ قُدُّوسٌ رَبُّ الْمَلَائِكَةِ وَالرُّوحِ

Subbūḥun quddūsu-r Rabb ul-malāʾikati war-rūḥ
Glorified and free of defects is the Lord of the angels and spirits

- You may then ask for your ḥājāt (wishes), and inshāʾAllāh they are fulfilled.